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SUBJ: GULF AIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

1. IN ABSENCE OF QATAR CIVIL AVIATION COUNCIL PRESIDENT SAMI GAYID, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DEVELOP MUCH INFORMATION IN OCT 21-22 MEETING OF GULF AIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN DOHA. ACCORDING PRESS ACCOUNTS, MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY OMANI MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS ABDUL HAFIZ SALIM RAJAB, BAHRAINI MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT YUSUF AHMAD AL SHIRAWI, MOHAMMAD SAID AL MULLA, UAE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, AND ABDULLAH BIN NASSER AL SOWAIDI, QATARI MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT.

2. QATARI DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, INFORMED US THAT COMMITTEE AGAIN REVIEWED QUESTION OF REPLACEMENTS FOR BAC-111S PRESENTLY FLOWN BY GULF AIR. HE NOTED THAT GULF AIR IS CONSIDERING BOEING 737, DC-9 AND BAC-111, AND SAID COMMITTEE REQUESTED FURTHER INFORMATION ON AIRCRAFT WHICH IT WILL STUDY IN JANUARY 1976 MEETING. DIRECTOR SAID THAT WHEN DECISION IS MADE, COMPANY WILL PROBABLY SIGN CONTRACT FOR THREE PLANES.

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3. RE GAYID, SOURCE IN CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT HAS TOLD US

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THAT GAYID JOINED AMIR IN PARIS DURING LATTER'S OCT 27-29
VISIT TO FRANCE AND THEN RETURNED TO LONDON FOR FURTHER MEDICAL
TREATMENT. SOURCE SAID GAYID NOW EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN DOHA
MID-NOVEMBER.
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